

## CLAIMS

1. A parquet board with a groove and tongue edge profile comprising a projecting tongue (14) on at least one edge of each parquet board (10,12) and a receding groove (16) on at least one opposite edge of the parquet board, **characterized** in that the top edge of tongue (14) is provided with a projecting locking lip (24) running in the longitudinal direction of the tongue, and in that a corresponding locking recess (26) running in the longitudinal direction of the groove is contrived in the bottom edge of the groove-boundary-forming top groove cheek (28).
2. The parquet board of claim 1, **characterized** in that the entry edge of the groove-boundary-forming top groove cheek (28) is provided with a tapered surface (30).
3. The parquet board of claim 1 or 2, **characterized** in that the edge of locking lip (24) closest to the free end of tongue (14) is provided with a tapered (32) or rounded surface.
4. The parquet board of one of the preceding claims, **characterized** in that at least one of the front ends (18,20) of the parquet boards projects forwards above the groove and tongue (14, 16) towards the abutting board edge so that when assembled, the boards come into contact with each other in a position (22) in the top useful surface.
5. The parquet board of one of the preceding claims, **characterized** in that in the assembled position, there is a gap between tongue (14) and the back end of groove (16).
6. The parquet board of one of the preceding claims, **characterized** in that in the assembled position, there is at least a small gap between the edge of locking lip (24) disposed in the direction of the end of groove (16) and the corresponding edge of the locking recess.
7. The parquet board of one of the preceding claims, **characterized** in that the groove (16) boundary-forming bottom groove cheek (34) is shorter than the top groove cheek (28).

8. The parquet board of one of the preceding claims, **characterized** in that towards the free end of the bottom groove cheek (34) there is a gradation (36) which widens the groove via a tapered surface (38).

9. The parquet board of claim 8, **characterized** in that tongue (14) is provided in its root portion with a section (40) of greater thickness which runs into the outer portion of the tongue via a tapered surface (42).

10. The parquet board of claims 8 and 9, **characterized** in that in the assembled position, there is at least a small gap between tapered surfaces (38,42).

11. The parquet board of one of the preceding claims, **characterized** in that the parquet board is shaped as a slim, elongated rectangle, and in that the edge profile is provided on the opposite longitudinal sides with there being a corresponding wall profile of lower height on the front ends.

12. The parquet board of one of claims 1 to 11, **characterized** in that there is a tapered surface (46) at the outer end of the tongue, on its bottom side.